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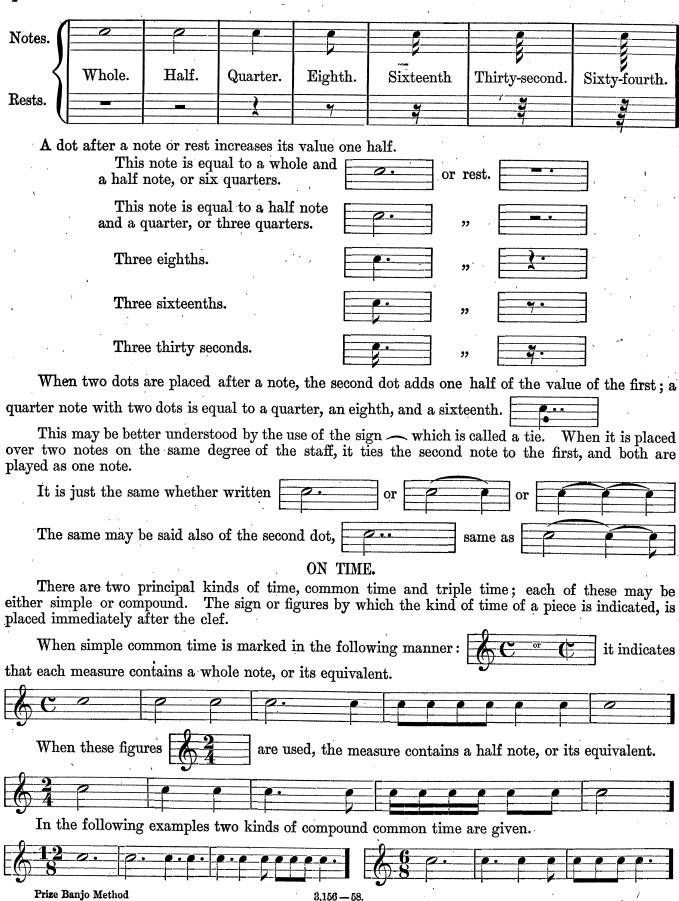
PART I.

RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

THE five parallel lines on which the notes are placed are called the staff.

The notes may be placed on the "lines," or on the "spaces" between the lines, and are numbered from the bottom upwards; thus,— lines, spaces, Small lines, which are placed below or above the staff are called "ledger lines." The clef denotes the position of the notes and their names, and is always placed at the beginning of a piece, or at each staff. Treble or G clef, The first seven letters of the alphabet are employed for naming the notes; those on the lines are those on the spaces E F G A B C ; ledger lines above with ledger lines below В \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{E} RELATIVE VALUE OF NOTES, AND CORRESPONDING RESTS. A whole note is equal to Two halves; which are equal to Four quarters; which are equal to Eight eighth notes: which are equal to Sixteen sixteenths; which are equal to Thirty-two thirtyseconds. (3)

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Each measure of common time, whether simple or compound, can be divided into two or four

Simple or compound triple time is divided into three equal parts.

The figures at the commencement of a piece, indicates a whole note (Semibreve) to a measure. The lower figure shows in how many parts a whole note is divided, and the upper figure how many of those parts are contained in each measure.

The figures 2 indicates that the time is divided into quarters, and that two quarters are contained in a measure. The figures 3 means that the time is divided into eighths, and that three eighths are contained in a measure.

ON TRIPLETS.

The figure 3 placed over or under a group of three notes signifies that they are to be played in the time of two of the same kind.



The figure & placed over or under a group of six notes indicates that they are to be played in the time of four of the same kind, and are called sextolets:

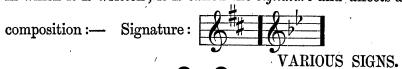
ON ACCIDENTALS.

A sharp (#) placed before a note raises it a semitone, a flat (*) lowers it a semitone, and affects all such notes and their octaves, throughout the measure.

A natural (1) restores a note to its original tone. A double sharp (x) before a note raises it a whole tone; a double flat $(\flat \flat)$ lowers it a whole tone.

ON THE SIGNATURE.

The number of sharps or flats placed next to the clef at the beginning of a piece, denote the key in which it is written; it is called the signature and affects all the notes thus marked throughout the



prolongs a note at pleasure. In certain cases the performer may The hold or pause introduce a cadenza or other embellishment; but, when the sign is placed over a rest it indicates merely a prolonged silence.

The sign of repeat has reference to a part of the piece which is to be played over again.

The double bar or period indicates that a part of the piece, or the whole is ended.

When the double bar is marked thus; then only that part is repeated on which side the dots are placed.

Da Capo. $(\bar{D}.C.)$ signifies that the piece is to be played again from the beginning to the sign or the word "fine."



The usual sign for a trill is (tr). The kind of trill to be played is generally left to the taste or judgment of the performer. \mathbf{or}

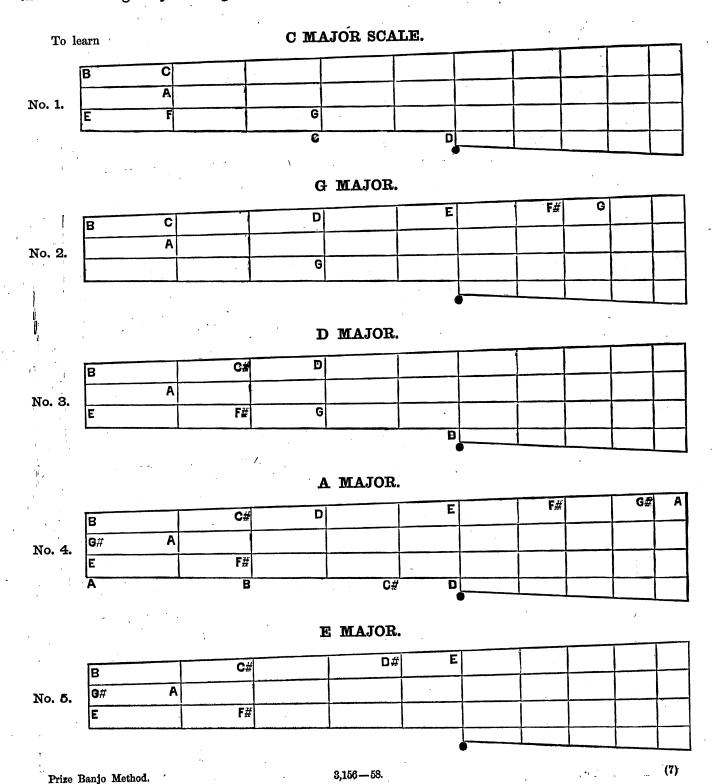
is played thus, -The passing trill,

The length of this, as other trills, depends on the character of the passages in which it occurs, whether it is to be slow, or fast. 3,156 - 58.Prize Banjo Method.

PART II.

DIAGRAMS OF THE FINGER-BOARD OF THE BANJO.

Begin on the third fret fourth string which makes C; then fifth fret same string, D; open third string, E; first fret same string, F; third fret, G; first fret second string, A; open first string, B; first fret same string, C. All the other diagrams to be studied in the same manner, beginning on the lowest string. By so doing the scales will be easily mastered.



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MANNER OF HOLDING THE BANJO.

The rim of the banjo is placed on the right thigh, the upper portion pressed against the right breast; the neck must be on a level with the left shoulder, resting in the hollow of the left hand and held between the thumb and forefinger.

The right forearm is placed three inches from the tailpiece, resting on the rim of of the instru-

ment with the palm of the hand over the bridge.

FINGERING OF THE RIGHT HAND.

Curve the hand slightly and pick the strings with the finger by a motion toward the palm of the hand. The fingers are indicated by dots (•), the thumb by a cross (×).

FINGERING OF THE LEFT HAND.

Numbers above or below the staff indicate the fingers used to stop the strings. Zero (0) indicates an open string.

ON THE BARRE.

To make the barre, place the thumb in the centre of the back of the neck, and press the fore-finger firmly across the fingerboard, preventing the slightest vibration of the strings.

TUNING THE BANJO.

The fourth string should be tuned to A pitch.

The third string is tuned by placing the finger on the seventh fret of the fourth string which produces E, until it is in unison.

The second string is tuned by placing the finger on the fourth fret of the third string which

produces G-sharp, until it is in unison.

The first string is tuned by placing the finger on the third fret of the second string which produces B, until it is in unison.

The fifth string is tuned by placing the finger on the fifth fret of the first string which produces E, until it is in unison.



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EXERCISES IN THE KEY OF C MAJOR.

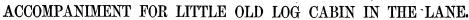














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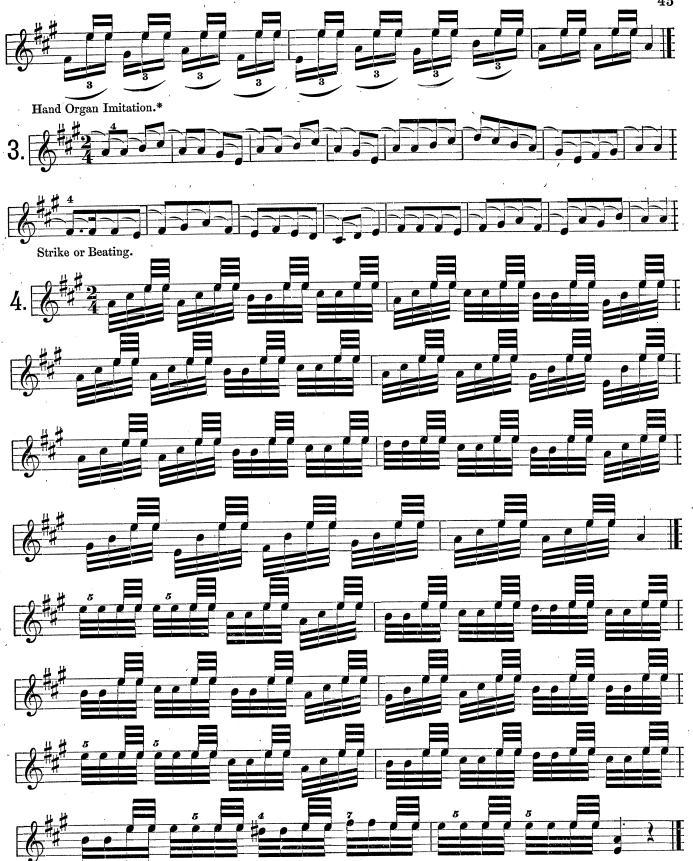




YANKEE DOODLE SOLO.







* Hold Banjo in usual position, stop strings as usual, pick with little finger of same hand, keeping the right hand in motion of grinding organ about five inches from lower end of Banjo.





The notes with the stems turned up, trill with the first finger; those with the stems turned down, pick with the thumb.













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